Inauguration of metre gauge railway lines in Arunachal Pradesh

1316. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he inaugurated two metre-gauge railway lines on January 3-4, 1990 namely (i) in Gamani Bhalukpong in Arunachal Pradesh; (ii) Penchartal-Kumarghat in Tripura;

(b) if so, at what cost the two lines have been laid; and

(c) what other railway lines extension and replacements are contemplated to be undertaken during the ensuing year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Penchartal-Kumarghat section of the Dharmanagar-Kumarghat MG line and Gamani-Bhalukpong section of Balipara-Bhalukpong MG line were inaugurated on 4-1-90 and 15-1-90 respectively.

(b) The estimated cost of Dharmanagar-Kumarghat line is Rs. 43.93 crores and that of Balipara-Bhalukpong line is Rs. 14.18 crores.

(c) Details of the on-going railway line projects, contemplated to be undertaken during the ensuing year have been included in the Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programmes of Railways for 1990-91 part II which forms part of the Budget Documents circulated to Members of Parliament.

Free supply of water and electricity to the Council of Ministers

1317. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of the Council of Ministers are entitled for free water and electricity services without any limit;

(b) the amounts paid for each of the year 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 in respect of each service, Ministerwise; and

(c) the monthly average of the above, during each of the above year, Ministerwise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Postponement of the electrification of Jolarpet-Bangalore railway section

1318. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of electrification of Jolarpet-Bangalore Railway section which was already approved was postponed.

(b) by when this project is likely to be taken up; and

(c) by what time it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Electrification works are already in progress.

(c) 1992-93.

Revision in freight charges on coal

1319. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have revised the freight charges on the coal supplied to Raichur Thermal Plant in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this revision; and

(c) whether Karnataka Government has objected to this revision, if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Due to increase in demand of coal for Raichur Thermal Power Station additional coal linkage has to be provided from Bhadrachalam Branch line area of